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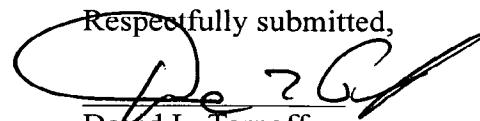
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Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 61-26705 appears to disclose a pipe joint. The pipe joint is double joint structure having tubular groove for connection of pipes.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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